PHILMONT—A January structure fire at 2 Highland Avenue fought by 17 men was among the calls reported by Chief Vernon Higgins at the Februsry meeting of Philmont Fire Company

Also reported were two smoke investigations, an emergency medical call, a pumpout and an oven fire.

In other business, the company voted to donate \$200 to the Columbia

County Fire Chiefs' Victims' Clothing Fund.

This year's banquet takes place April 16 at the American Legion, Main Street.

Tickets cost \$25 for a couple and can be purchased from William Blazuw or Clint Mossman.

David Sherman chairs housecleaning with Cal Dallas, Ralph Hoag, Keith Harvey and Dan Lynch.

Rotary thanks Ratcliffe, hears Wright HUDSON - Thomas Wright, direc-

tor of the new Office of Institutional Research at Columbia-Greene Community College, was the guest speaker at Monday's meeting of the Hudson Rotary Club.

Mr Wright was appointed to this new position in November 1993 after serving in a similar position with the Regents College of the University of the State of New York.

He has held similar positions over the part 12 years and is currently a doctoral candidate for Organizational Studies at SUNY Albany

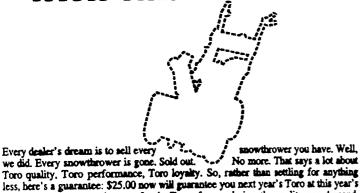
The mission of the IR Office, explained Mr. Wright, is to serve as the college's information center and to provide essential data services to the college community that are comprehensive, accurate, and timely, in support of institution planning, decision making, and development.

This involves the collection and maintenance of official program information used for external reporting; the conducting of special analytical studies in support of planning and decision making such as the current student transportation study; to provide in-house consulting services to the college units engaged in research; and to identify grant opportunities that support college priorities, and

technical support for grant writing Future plans call for surveys of pre-1969 alumni and post-1994 graduating seniors as well as exit interviews for those with both current and potential employers of C-GCC grad

The club extended its thanks and best wishes to member Lynn Rat cliffe, who is leaving the area after serving as the club's weekly bulletin editor, and chairman of the clubs annual International dinners as well as last year's folk concert to help support the Police Department's DARE

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CASTLETON-Cub Scout Pack 253 celebrated 50 years of service at its annual Blue & Gold Dinner with Mrs. Ruth Spiecke, one of two Den Mothers from the original Pack in 1944, in attendance.

Mrs. Spieske was presented with a "dime and stick pin," a cub scout craft

Also attending were the Rev Leslie Richard, District Executive Melinda Fant and Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Albertine. Rev. Richard is from Trinity Lutheran Church.

Paul Albertine represented the Castleton Kiwanis Club, sponsors of

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the Cub Scout Pack for the last 47 years and was presented with the pack's official charter by Melinda Fant, Mahikan District Executive, Twin Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Almost 200 Cub Scouts and their parents participated in the evening's festivities which included a magic show by Jason Ravida of Jason's

Awards for the Pack's Pinewood Derby were given as follows: Tiger Cubs. 1st, Andrew Krug, 2nd, Ryan Gaachel, 3rd, Robert Roth. Wolf Cubs: 1st, Eric Sharer; 2nd, Jonathan Flan-

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ders, 3rd, Alan Roehr Bear Cubs 1st, Brian Seibert; 2nd, Jock Goodall, 3rd, Matthew Gaschel.

First year Webelos: 1st, Jeff DeLisle; 2nd, Dean Lebrecht, 3rd, Randall Semeiks. Second year Webe-los: 1st, Eric Vaughn; 2nd, Ben Van-DenBriel; 3rd, Toby Goodall.

The Pack Championship was won by Brian Seibert, followed in second place by Eric Vaughn and in third place by Jeff DeLisle.

The Pack will be travelling to Boston in June to ride on a Whale Watching boat and visit the Aquari-

Plant propagation taught at institute

MILLBROOK-The Institute of Ecosystem Studies offers the course Native Plant Propagation Tuesday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The course teaches the basics of propagation.

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